

5 In the claims:

1. A method for making a beverage comprising the steps of:  
(a) heating a beverage extract to produce a heated beverage extract; and  
(b) mixing the heated beverage extract with a solvent.

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2. The method for making a beverage according to claim 1 wherein the heated beverage extract is a tea extract.

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3. The method for making a beverage according to claim 1 wherein the heated beverage extract is at a temperature from about 40 degree centigrade to about 100 degree centigrade.

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4. The method for making a beverage according to claim 1 wherein the heated solvent is water.

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5. The method for making a beverage according to claim 1 wherein the heated solvent is heated to produce a heated solvent that is at a temperature from about 40 degrees centigrade to about 100 degrees centigrade.

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6. The method for making a beverage according to claim 5 wherein the method further comprises the step of adding solvent that is at a temperature from about 2.0 degrees centigrade to about 30.0 degrees centigrade.

7. The method for making a beverage according to claim 6 wherein the beverage comprises less than about 45.0% by weight heated solvent.

8. The method for making a beverage according to claim 1 wherein the beverage is translucent and does not comprise visible particles of extract.

5 9. The method for making a beverage according to claim 1 wherein the beverage comprises at least about 0.1% by weight extract.

10. A tea-based beverage made by a method comprising the steps of heating an extract to produce a heated extract and mixing the heated extract with a solvent.

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11. A beverage brewing system comprising:  
(a) a conduit for supplying a heated solvent to a mixing conduit;  
(b) a heating means for heating a beverage extract; and  
(c) a conduit for supplying heated beverage extract to the mixing conduit

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wherein the heated solvent and heated beverage extract mix in the mixing conduit.

12. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heated solvent is at a temperature from about 40 degrees centigrade to about 100 degrees centigrade.

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13. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heated solvent is water.

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14. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heated beverage extract is at a temperature from about 40 degrees centigrade to about 100 degrees centigrade.

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15. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heated beverage extract is a tea-based extract.

16. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heating means comprises heating coils that surround the conduit for supplying heated beverage extract to the mixing conduit.

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17. The beverage brewing system according to claim 16 wherein current is supplied to the heating coils.

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18. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heating means is a metal rod or pipe having a portion in the conduit for supplying heated beverage extract to the mixing conduit.

19. The beverage brewing system according to claim 18 wherein the heating means has a portion in the conduit for supplying heated solvent.

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20. The beverage brewing system according to claim 19 wherein the metal pipe or rod is a stainless steel metal pipe or rod that is heated by the heated solvent.

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21. The beverage brewing system according to claim 11 wherein the heating means for heating a beverage extract is a portion of the conduit for supplying heated beverage extract to the mixing conduit.